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MentorTech, Mentor Month in 10th year

Tech program founded to help students transition to college life

By HALLIE DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

When Cory Powell moved to Lubbock in 2002, which was also the first year for January to be recognized as National Mentor Month, he found adjusting to life in the Hub City somewhat difficult.

"If we felt like, that, as employees who are getting paid to be here," the associate director of MentorTech said, "then what about the students who are paying to be here?"

With that in mind, Powell and Felicia Martin, an associate athletic director with the Marsha Sharp Center, co-founded the Lauro Cavazos & Ophelia Powell-Malone Mentoring Program. Named for Texas Tech's first alumna president and first African-American graduate, respectively, the program is more commonly known as MentorTech.

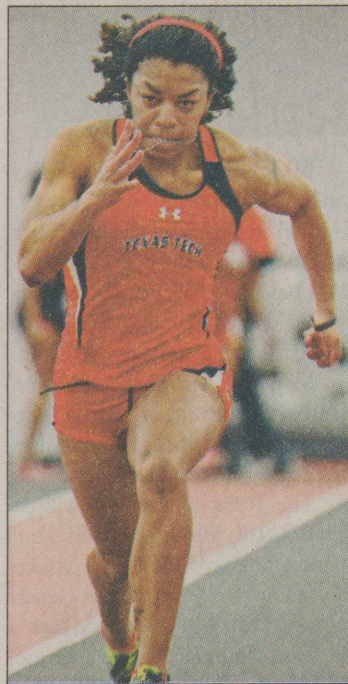
Powell said The program helps students adjust culturally, academically and socially to life at Tech and to college in general.

Each student protégé is paired with a faculty or staff member who serves as their mentor for as long as the student would like, whether it just be their freshman year or the entire time the student is at Tech.

"Some students need academic support, some just need to connect with other students," Powell said.

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The Texas Tech men and women's track and field teams will compete in the Texas Tech Open on Saturday in the Athletic Training Center. **SPORTS, Online**

Hall Monitoring



Construction projects across campus still in progress

By CAITLAN OSBORN
NEWS EDITOR

Hard hats and work zone signs have become a familiar sight during the past few months as Texas Tech hurries to complete a multitude of construction projects this year.

While the College of Business Administration building is up and running, most of the university's projects will not be completed until later this year.

One of the projects in the final steps of construction is the relocation of the Department of Health, Exercise and Sport Sciences.

Michael Molina, vice chancellor of facilities planning and construction, said after the decision was made to build a new residence hall, the women's gym near 18th Street and Boston Ave. was demolished.

"Part of the HESS operation was in there," he said, "so they needed a place to go."

Building officials set their sights on the PrinTech building, which had been decommissioned by Tech President Guy Bailey and other administrators.

"The operation of PrinTech is completely unrelated to all this construction," Molina said. "A lot of people worked there. It was a great operation. It just didn't necessarily make business sense."

The estimated \$6.45 million relocation is close to completion, as the Board of Regents recently approved the fourth and final phase of construction.

The PrinTech building, originally 15,000 square feet, has been expanded by 10,000



PHOTOS BY EMILY DE SANTOS /The Daily Toreador
TOP: CONSTRUCTION WORKERS continue to make progress on the school's new Boston Ave. Residence Hall and Dining Facility on Wednesday. ABOVE: Workers continue construction on the Kent R. Hance Chapel.

square feet to make room for a dance studio, multi-purpose labs and space for classrooms and offices.

Molina said the men's gym and the different sections of a department related to it will move into the building as well.

"They were satellite scattered all over campus," he said, "so this was a huge win for them because now they're all together as one big department."

The \$45 million project to build the still-unnamed residence hall and dining facility is set to be completed by August.

"We know we're on schedule and anticipate being open in the Fall of 2012 with no problem," said Sean Duggan, managing director of student housing. "Everything's moving as planned."

The 22,000 square foot dining hall has been named the Commons by

United Supermarkets, as recognition for the chain's donations to Tech.

Duggan said the new 178,000 square foot residence hall will house 498 students, with nine community advisers and one residence life coordinator.

"The design is really similar to Murray Hall, with suite-style living," he said, "which means that everyone will have their own private bedroom and share a restroom with one other person. One thing that makes it different from Murray Hall is about 250 of the beds are in two-bedroom suites instead of four-bedroom suites."

"So this building offers even more privacy in that you might have only one roommate instead of three."

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TechBriefly

Tech, Covenant expand partnership with endowed chairs

The Covenant Health System announced two endowed chairs, as part of a collaboration with the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center.

The David R. Close, M.D., Endowed Chair in Oncology, was presented to Patrick Reynolds, a professor in and director of the TTUHSC Cancer Center.

The Robert Moore, M.D., Endowed Chair in Pediatrics, was presented to Adaobi Kanu, an associate professor and director of the TTUHSC Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

The endowed chairs provide funding for both clinical research in oncology and pediatric asthma education.

Tech Meat Judging Team gets wins

Texas Tech's judging teams for meat, wool and livestock received high marks at the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo in Denver.

The meat judging team won by 156 points, with a total of 4,144 points and placed first in beef grading, overall beef, lamb judging, placing, reasons and beef judging.

The wool judging team finished in third place, with only one point separating each of the top teams, including South Dakota State and Texas A&M and the livestock judging team left with fourth, behind A&M, Oklahoma State and Iowa State.

TTU, HSC professors receive grant for cancer proposals

Paul Lockman, assistant professor for Amarillo's Texas Tech Health Science Center School of Pharmacy, and Yehia Mechef, an associate chemistry professor at Tech and Siva Vanapalli, an assistant chemical engineering professor at Tech, received \$50,000 for their proposal on breast cancer cells.

Harvinder Gill, a Tech assistant chemical engineering professor, and Joehassin Cordero, chief of the TTUHSC's Division of Otolaryngology, also received \$50,000 for their proposal to treat cancerous tissue with microneedles.

The teams were awarded by a competitive internal funding competition sponsored by Tech and the Health Sciences Center to help secure external funding and build a closer relationship between the two universities.

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Community Calendar

TODAY

Up Against the Wall: Posters of Social Protest

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Landmark Arts at the Texas Tech School of Art

So, what is it?
This exhibition has more than 70 posters by a group of designers from Europe, the U.S. and Mexico, and highlights the power of design.

SATURDAY

Wedding Attire Gallery Talk

Time: 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Where: Museum of Texas Tech University

So, what is it?
Enjoy an event in conjunction with the exhibition "They Weren't Always White: Wedding Attire from the Museum's Collection."

Texas Tech Basketball

Time: 4 p.m.
Where: United Spirit Arena
So, what is it?
Support the Red Raiders as they compete against Iowa State.

Masterworks 4

Time: 7:30 p.m.
Where: Lubbock Memorial Civic Center
So, what is it?

Enjoy a performance from violinist Miriam Fried as he performs Brahms' "Violin Concerto."

SUNDAY

Piano Works on the New Fazoli

Time: 3 p.m.
Where: Hemmle Recital Hall

So, what is it?
Enjoy this faculty recital where William Westney will perform his first solo recital on Texas Tech's new Fazoli grand piano.

Sunday Storyteller

Time: 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Where: Museum of Texas Tech University

So, what is it?
Enjoy this event in conjunction with the exhibition "Latino Folk Tales: Cuentos Populares."

To make a calendar submission email dailytoreador@ttu.edu.

Events will be published either the day or the day before they take place. Submissions must be sent in by 4 p.m. on the preceding publication date.

Correction

In Thursday's issue of *The Daily Treador*, the article "School of Pharmacy dean, founder to retire after 18 years," misspelled the name of Steven Berk, dean of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center. *The DT* regrets this error.

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PHOTO BY LAUREN PAPE/*The Daily Treador*

AMY AKANUE, A sophomore communication studies major from Dallas, reads a portion of Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous "I Have a Dream" speech to honor Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and accomplishments at Memorial Circle on Thursday.

Projects

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More than 500 parking spaces will be available for the new complex, with parking added between Hulen/Clements and Wall/Gates, as well as on the east side of Gates Hall.

Though the rooms have yet to be built, the residence hall sold out in two weeks after the option was made in October.

Duggan said the university is hoping to have 7,000 students living on campus by Fall 2012. Currently, there is an increase of 300 upperclassmen choosing to

live on campus than this time last year. He also said Tech is looking to build another 1,250 to accommodate 40,000 students by 2020.

"I think we're looking at just another large growth in the student population for the fall and that continued momentum of Tech's growth," Duggan said. "We want to make sure this is a great residential learning environment for students who also come here to have a home away from home."

"When the goal was made to reach 40,000 students by 2020, we definitely took a look at the housing we have, and the housing that we think we will need to serve the needs of the students

in 2020."

With the relocation of the new business administration building, the old space will be used for the College of Mass Communications and the old MCOM building will now belong to engineering.

Molina said the old business administration building is budgeted for \$25 million and will be completed in September.

He said workers are in the process of finishing phase two of a four-phase plan for the building.

"The big things are changes in the mechanical systems and technology upgrades," Molina said. "It's (going to be) very beautiful.

From a functional perspective, we have created pods throughout for students to sit and study and work, so that the hallways are clear. That was a big issue before when it was the business building."

Other projects still in the works include the \$3.85 million renovation and abatement of the administration building, to be completed in April, the \$5 million improvements to Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park, to be completed next month and the \$3 million building of the Kent R. Hance chapel, to be completed in June.

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Perry says he's dropping out of presidential race

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry dropped out of the presidential race on Thursday, endorsed his old friend Newt Gingrich and returned home to Texas, where the failed White House candidate has three years left to serve as the chief executive.

"I have come to the conclusion that there is no viable path to victory for my candidacy in 2012," Perry said in North Charleston, S.C., just two days before the primary there. "I believe Newt is a conservative visionary who can transform our country."

Money also was a factor, with spokesman Ray Sullivan saying: "We have spent the bulk of our funds." He added that Perry hasn't ruled out running again for governor or the White House in 2016 if President Barack Obama is re-elected.

Perry ended his campaign where he launched it last August, when tea party and evangelical Christian leaders hailed him as a charismatic conservative and some early polls showed him as a front-runner for the Republican nomination. But soon after, Per-

ry's verbal gaffes and poor debate performances sent his campaign into a tailspin from which it never recovered.

It was too soon to tell whether Perry's rocky turn on the national stage had damaged him politically at home. But already there were signs of his diminished clout.

Several Texas donors who fueled his bid indicated they were likely to back Mitt Romney, the former Massachusetts governor who is considered the more moderate candidate in the race. And South Carolina House speaker

David Wilkins, who had supported Perry, ignored the governor's recommendation and shifted his support to Romney, too.

Short of a Gingrich victory leading to a job for Perry in Washington, Perry will most likely stay in Austin where — despite his dismal presidential campaign — he's still considered the most powerful politician in the state. He has appointed more than 1,000 people to key government positions since becoming governor in 2000. State lawmakers also depend on his support.

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Puzzles by PageFiller

In Sudoku, all the numbers 1 to 9 must be in every row, column and 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answers.

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Exxon reaches \$1.6M spill settlement

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Exxon Mobil agreed Thursday to pay \$1.6 million in penalties to the state of Montana over water pollution caused by a pipeline break last summer that fouled dozens of miles of shoreline along the scenic Yellowstone River.

Montana Department of Environmental Quality director Richard Opper said the penalties in the case mark the largest in the agency's history.

The Texas oil company will pay \$300,000 in cash and spend \$1.3 million on future environmental projects, according to a copy of the document obtained by The Associated Press.

Also Thursday, Exxon increased its estimate of how much crude spilled into the river during the July 1 accident near Laurel to 1,509 barrels, or more than 63,000 gallons.

That's up from earlier estimates of 1,000 barrels spilled — a number that Gov. Brian Schweitzer had disputed as too low.

Schweitzer said Thursday that the settlement and revised spill estimate came only after the state pressured Exxon to be more accountable in the aftermath of the spill.

"They're not prepared to give you any accurate information if you don't hold their feet to the fire," the Democratic governor said.

In an emailed statement, Exxon spokesman Alan Jeffers reiterated that the company "takes full responsibility" for the accident.

"We are pleased to be able to resolve this environmental compliance issue with the State of Montana," Jeffers wrote of the settlement.

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Mentor

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The mentors are experts at Tech and range from surgeons to janitors, Powell said. Each is able to help their protégé through school and into the job market, offering assistance with things like admissions to law school or scholarship applications.

The pairings are based on commonalities, he said, so mentors can help with career and life advice. However, all mentors are prepared to help anyone.

"Even if it's down to a favorite food, there's always something in common, something to build on," said mentor Raegan Higgins.

As an assistant professor in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Higgins said she has had protégés who have been journalism majors and accounting majors. Though they might not be going into her field of study, she said she is always able to at least help with the required math.

However, Higgins said she does a lot more than that though by keeping up with the protégés via Facebook, email and meeting for lunch. She also helps them to navigate campus and their lives.

"You aren't forcing anything on them," she said, "you're just being there and able to offer knowledge and ideas."

This multifaceted approach, that covers almost anything a student may need, has helped MentorTech students to achieve a higher retention rate than the university's average.

"It's a step-by-step program to get you into the real world and be able to

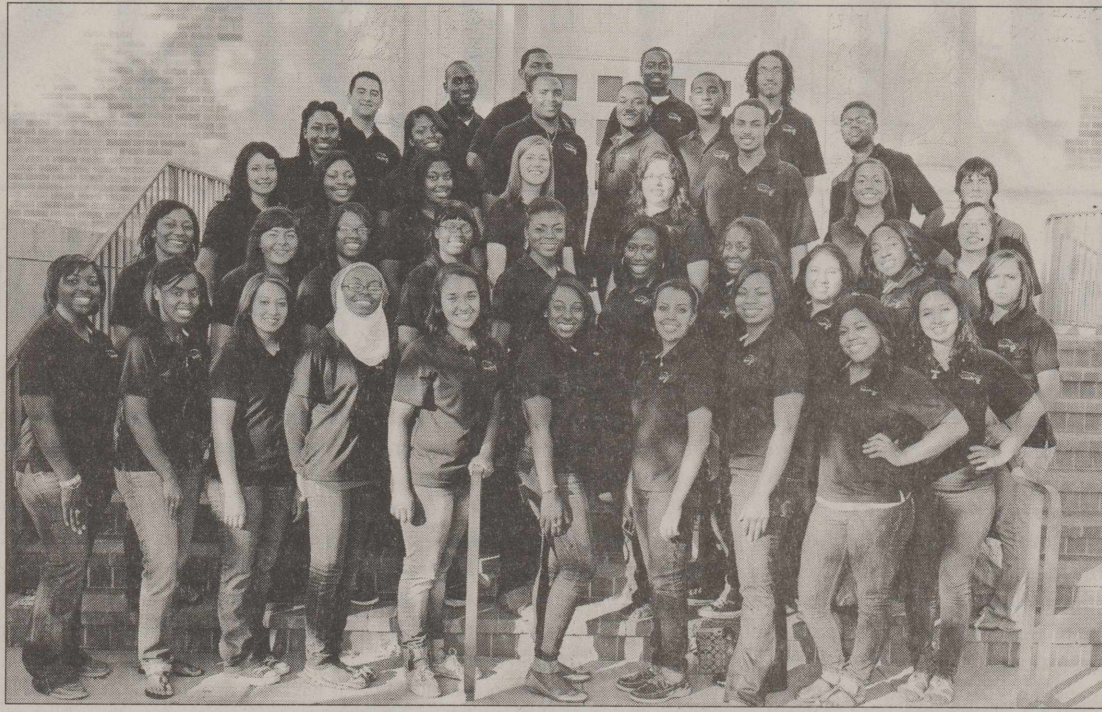


PHOTO COURTESY OF HECTOR ARMENDARIZ
MENTOR TECH, A program established to help students with the transition to college has student leaders among its Protégé Advisory Committee, not just faculty and staff.

function there," said Rahel Tekola, a junior political science major from Dallas.

To help with the transition into the workforce, Tekola said she has attended helpful workshops through MentorTech, such as one to help write her resume.

Tekola has been involved with MentorTech since her freshman year, and said she loves the support system it offers from her mentor and Powell as well, who helps all the students. She said she also likes the area it offers for quiet study and computer use.

The program also offers quite a bit of flexibility. Junior Chinwe Obi said she

came to Tech as an accounting major. However, after changing majors Obi was able to get a new mentor in the public relations department who she said has given her great advice.

"What we do," Powell said, "is we connect passions."

Now in its 10th year, the MentorTech program was ahead of the curve. Powell said recent studies have indicated people with mentors tend to be more well rounded, and mentoring is a strategy used in many high profile companies.

He said the organization is also help-

ing Tech push toward goals like tier-one status and diversity. The program began for underrepresented minorities, but now focuses on all students.

Obi said she would recommend it to any incoming Tech students.

"For freshmen, it's nice to have someone hold your hand just a little bit," she said.

The mentors will help more than 500 students this year, Powell said.

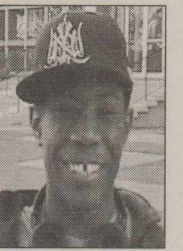
"The greatest thing (someone) can do," he said, "is share time, energy and knowledge with others."

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THOUGHTS ON SOPA/PIPA

"I don't think these bills will be that effective because when people want something they're going to find a way to get it."

Hayward Johnson -
freshman undeclared major from Dallas



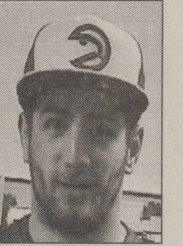
"It's not going to help anything. It's going to be like texting in your car. If you do it, who's going to know?"

Sidney Teague -
freshman psychology major from Lubbock



"It is a complete invasion of our privacy and I cannot believe that anyone would ever think about passing it. We need to do something against it and make sure it gets stopped ourselves."

Taylor Farish -
junior exercise and sports sciences major from Dallas



"It is unconstitutional. It is infringing on our rights to do and say what we want."

Garrett Brooks -
senior international business major from Hamilton



"From what I read, it's going to stop a lot of consumers on the Internet from downloading and blocking job possibilities as well."

Tim Winn -
senior chemistry major from Fort Worth



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Man gets life in prison for 1989 sex assault

DALLAS (AP) — A man suspected in more than a dozen sexual assaults in the Dallas area in the late 1980s and early 90s was sentenced to life in prison Thursday for a 1989 attack on a 7-year-old girl.

Robert Warterfield, who was convicted Wednesday of aggravated sexual assault, showed no reaction when Judge Michael Snipes handed down the sentence, which took the jury less than 20 minutes to decide.

His victim, who had testified about the profound effect the attack has had on her, watched from the courtroom gallery and hugged

a prosecutor after the hearing. The Associated Press typically does not identify victims of sexual assault.

Warterfield's family declined to comment after the verdict, and his attorneys declined to speak to reporters after his conviction Wednesday.

Warterfield was only charged after another man, Stephen Brodie, was exonerated in a separate attack on a 5-year-old girl. While re-examining the evidence from Brodie's 1993 conviction, investigators found a fingerprint Warterfield had left at the home of Brodie's

alleged victim.

Further DNA testing linked Warterfield to two 1989 attacks — one on the 7-year-old and another on a 9-year-old girl. In both cases, an unknown man entered the girls' bedrooms, placed pillowcases over their heads, led them outside and sexually assaulted them.

There were more than a dozen sexual assaults of young girls in the late 1980s and early 90s in the north Dallas area. Warterfield pleaded guilty to one of them, a 1994 attack, and was given 10 years of probation but ended up serving 10 years in

prison for violating the terms of his release.

Warterfield was suspected by Dallas police in the other unsolved assaults, but he was never charged because authorities thought they had the right man in Brodie, who had been convicted of assaulting the 5-year-old girl.

But there was a lack of physical evidence tying Brodie to the scene, and Brodie — who is deaf and uses sign language — was questioned for hours by police in suburban Richardson without an interpreter, court documents say.

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OPINIONS

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FRIDAY, JAN. 20, 2012

Recap 2011: Wild ride behind, bright future ahead

Welcome to 2012, fellow classmates. We made it through another year of scandal, chaos and revolutions.

2011 was one for the record books. We watched Egypt go into full revolt via social networking, occupiers annoying 99 percent of Wall Street and Osama Bin Laden finally losing the ultimate game of hide-and-seek. We also sat in amazement as a monarchy we overcame more than 200 years ago welcomed a new member to its family. Personally, I sat in amazement at how riveted Americans were with British monarchy. I must have paid more attention in American History than most people.

Andy Doughty



Mother Nature hated the world this year. I will not attribute this to global warming because, in my opinion, Al Gore is too rich off of this hoax already.

It is always refreshing to see the world unite when natural disasters thwart a nation. However, not much foreign aid was sent to the United States when we suffered the deadliest string of tornado

attacks to hit in years. Joplin, Missouri was one of the cities hit the worst and I heard first-hand how bad it really was from my aunt who went to help with disaster relief.

Texas has seen many droughts throughout the years, but none that sent the whole state ablaze. Getting home from West Texas was almost impossible with all the wildfires ripping through.

2011 also brought the entertainment industry to a whole new level. First, daytime television lost Oprah to her own network and I was virtually lost without her "favorite things" when gift-giving season came.

The revolution of reality television

and the scandals that they immerse themselves in are like that train wreck that you don't want to watch, but can't turn your eyes from. Instantly, when I say reality TV, everyone thinks of a certain busty brunette getting paid for — well, what is she getting paid for again? Kim Kardashian was the beauty that launched a thousand jokes this past year. Kim's 72-day marriage brought doubt to many viewers on the legitimacy of the wedding and struck a nerve among Hollywood's elite.

Speaking of scams, Rupert Murdoch, the owner of multiple media outlets, found himself in hot water last year as well. Apparently one of the "sources" his newspaper's editor-in-chief was using was a wire tapping system tracking

celebrities phone calls. This isn't the first time a nation has come under scrutiny for "bugging" to retrieve information (see Richard Nixon).

I would be amiss if I didn't mention that sports saw some of the biggest drama that is has had on record, beginning with A&M and their decision to "SECede." This brought on much controversy and a shake up for the entire Big 12. However, it made for great television and ESPN ate it up.

The NFL and NBA lockouts caused quite a stir and left many football and basketball wives biting their nails at the thought of actually having to get a job. For once, sports nearly dominated the news waves and became a contender for real drama.

We also lost many great, talented people in 2011. I was amazed that my iPhone did not shut off the day after Steven Jobs passed away and joined the ultimate "Icloud." A man known for his intelligence, I have to say I first knew he was a genius when I heard he told President Obama he would not be re-elected. Amy Winehouse brought us to the sobering realization that maybe she should have gone to rehab instead of saying "no, no, no." And we lost Elizabeth Taylor, whom my grandpa calls the sexiest woman of his era, next to my grandma, of course.

CourtTV was all the rage in 2011. The country was riveted from the trials of Casey Anthony and Amanda Knox to the allegations against Jerry Sandusky. The entire nation sat on pins and needles waiting to hear the results of the Casey Anthony trial. So many Americans were captivated by the story and had mad judgments on the trial that it was a shock when she was found not guilty. However, the Amanda Knox trial was a lot more clouded and people didn't know what to believe so I think many were relieved to hear that she was found not guilty. I never watched the trial, so I am unbiased.

As for Jerry Sandusky, what did Sarah Palin say? Let him hang! I don't usually take quotes from Sarah Palin on the account that I'd like to keep my credibility. But indeed, he does need severe corporal punishment.

Each New Year brings news and different stories that captivate us. Some stories touch our hearts, other we would not like to relive. However, the New Year comes armed with resolutions and promises of a brighter future by learning from our pasts. I know I come into 2012 with a new outlook and a promise not to hold back my opinion. Happy first week!

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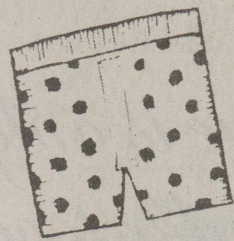
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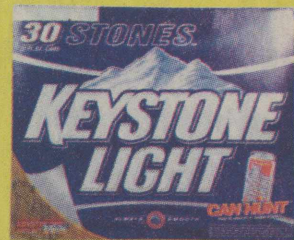
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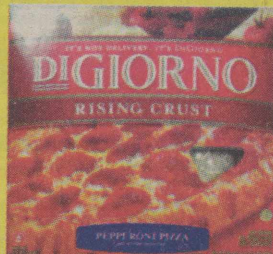
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Tech alumnus receives international recognition

By PAIGE SKINNER
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The Bible's apostle, Paul, helped influence one Texas Tech alumnus to compose a competition-winning musical piece.

Tech alumnus, Jim Puckett, was named a finalist in the International Music Prize for Excellence in Composition 2011, hosted in Greece.

He graduated from Tech in 2009 with a master's degree in music composition.

He wrote the finalist piece, "Something's Gone Wrong Deep Within," for former Tech student, Jeff Crabtree.

Crabtree and Puckett met through an audition Puckett hosted for a worship band at his church, First Church of the Nazarene in Lubbock.

The band needed a trumpet player, and Crabtree auditioned and got the job.

After spending some time at Tech, Crabtree transferred to the University

of Louisiana at Lafayette. When it came time for his senior recital, Crabtree asked Puckett to compose an original piece for him.

Puckett said Crabtree asked for a piece that would be unique to his skills and be different than all the other trumpet pieces at the recital.

Crabtree went to Puckett with a passage from the Bible, Romans 7:14-20, which he wanted portrayed in the piece.

"What you find there is the apostle, Paul, having kind of an internal human struggle," Puckett said. "I want to do what's right, but I find that I don't do what's right, no matter how hard I want to do what's right, I find myself doing what's wrong. So, you've got this internal struggle between whether he can be as good as he wants to be and that type of thing."

Puckett said the verse was influential because it shows a human side to the characters in the Bible.

"I think one of the strengths in that passage in scripture for people is that we tend to look at the guys and heroes of the Bible as being these great spiritual figures," he

said, "but they were human people who struggled through the same things that we struggle with."

"I think that's one of the powerful things about Jeff (Crabtree) bringing this verse to me is that everyone has these struggles. They want to be better than they are, but they aren't. Then they end up failing in some way and keep struggling through life that way. So, I tried to depict in the music this back

and forth struggle that happens in these verses as Paul was talking, his internal struggle was represented for himself and really for all of us."

Peter Fischer, Puckett's adviser during his time at Tech, said he met Puckett a month before school started.

"I was expecting to meet with him for an hour to see what he had been working on and what he wanted to do on his thesis project," Fischer said. "We ended up meeting and talking about music for the next three hours, and that never happens. I just found him to be so interesting musically, and professional and mature about it all. It was just delightful."

Fischer said being named a finalist in a composition competition, especially in a foreign country, is an accomplishment because in some competitions in foreign countries, the works go unrecognized.

"It really is a huge accolade for anybody, both a professional and a student, to be considered or to win one of these contests in a foreign country," he said.

Puckett was one of the hardest working students he had, Fischer said. Fischer and others affiliated with Tech's School of Music pushed Puckett and other students to expand their creativity.

"I couldn't be more proud of Jim (Puckett)," Fischer said. "I think he's both a wonderful human being and a wonderful composer and we always like when we get people in that are going to study with us that are really smart people because then it's challenging for us and we get so much out of it as well as professors."

"And Jim (Puckett) is all of those things, both a great human being, a great composer and just a smart human being."

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TECH ALUMNUS, JIM Puckett, was named as a finalist in an the International Music Prize for Excellence in Composition 2011, which was hosted in Greece.

Jackson doc won't be asked to pay restitution

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Prosecutors will not seek restitution against the doctor convicted of killing Michael Jackson after conferring with the singer's parents and attorneys for his estate and children.

The request for payments from Conrad Murray was withdrawn Wednesday during a brief court hearing, just days before a judge was scheduled to consider how much the former cardiologist should pay to members of Jackson's family or his estate.

Deputy District Attorney David Walgren told the judge handling the case that he was withdrawing the restitution request after speaking with Jackson's mother, Katherine, and attorney for his father,

Joseph. Walgren also consulted with an attorney for the singer's estate and a court-appointed attorney representing the interests of Jackson's three children, a transcript of the proceedings shows.

Murray remains in jail after being convicted in November of involuntary manslaughter. He was sentenced to serve four years in jail, but his incarceration will be cut in half due to overcrowding and California's budget crunch.

Jackson's estate estimated the singer would have earned at least \$100 million if he had performed his "This Is It" concerts planned for London's O2 arena. Murray might have also been found liable for Jackson's funeral expenses, which totaled more than \$1.8 million.

Murray's attorneys said he had nowhere near the money to pay either

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ABC News to air interview with Gingrich ex-wife

NEW YORK (AP) — ABC News plans to air an interview with the second wife of Republican presidential contender Newt Gingrich on "Nightline" just two days before the GOP's South Carolina primary.

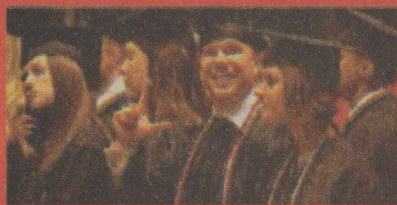
Excerpts from the interview with Marianne Gingrich will be released during the day Thursday, ABC News spokesman Jeffrey Schneider said, ahead of both a Republican candidate debate Thursday evening in Charleston, S.C., and ABC's late-night news program.

ABC News has not indicated what Marianne Gingrich said in the interview. Her ex-husband has said that they don't have a relationship.

The interview comes as Gingrich, the former House speaker, is trying to topple GOP front-runner Mitt Romney by casting himself as the more conservative option in the GOP presidential race. It would shine a spotlight on a part of Gingrich's past that could turn off Republican voters in a state filled with religious and cultural conservatives who may cringe at Gingrich's two divorces and acknowledged infidelities.

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Big 12 Conference Basketball Preview: Men

— Compiled by Evan Jansa

1) No. 3 Baylor Bears (17-1, 4-1 Big 12)

Somewhere in between the Heisman hype for Robert Griffin III and the hullabaloo surrounding Brittney Griner, some folks may have ignored or downplayed the hoopla deserved by the Baylor men's basketball team. This Bears squad is teeming with talent from top-to-bottom. It starts with another Baylor athlete who shares the same suffix as Baylor's Heisman winner, Perry Jones III elected to return for his sophomore season, passing up the millions he would have likely raked in as an NBA lottery pick, and it has appeared to be the right decision thus far. After serving a five-game suspension for receiving improper benefits, the 6-foot-11 Jones has averaged 14.2 points and shot 55 percent from the field. Quincy Acy has supplemented Jones' versatility with dominant play in the paint on both ends. The senior is the second leading scorer for the Bears and brings ferocity to the defense, ranking second in the Big 12 in blocks and fourth in rebounding. With myriad offensive weapons and a chaos-creating defense, the Bears have a chance to compete for something Griffin did not: a national championship.

3) No. 5 Missouri (17-1, 4-1 Big 12)

It's one thing to outscore an opponent. It's another to make them like it. For most of the season, Missouri has done the latter, honing a high tempo attack which currently sits fourth nationally in scoring an average 83.1 points, while the Tigers are second in the country, having shot a chin splintering 50 percent from the field. Experience helps, too. Anchoring the plush plethora of shot architects are senior guards Marcus Denmon and Kim English. The impossibly efficient offense is not limited to the backcourt. Inside, Ricardo Ratliffe leads the nation in field goal percentage at 77 percent. All statistics aside, the Tigers are human Missouri's only loss of the season came in the form of a 75-59 shellacking at the hands of Kansas State. The Tigers were pushed around and did not appear as tough as the Wildcats. It wasn't an indictment of their style of play because with an offensive repertoire like the one Missouri possesses, they can beat anyone.

5) Iowa State (13-5, 3-2 Big 12)

The Cyclones' head coach Fred Hoiberg was dubbed "The Mayor" during his playing career at Iowa State and 10 years in the NBA. The nickname has had no effect on Hoiberg's squad that has not needed any politicking in supplanting themselves as a powerful force and possible candidate to upset the top-tier teams in the Big 12. Thus far, the Cyclones have attempted a conference-high 426 shots from long range. Even though it would appear to be an alarming — or even egregious — amount of threes, Iowa State has made 39 percent of them. The only two conference losses for Iowa State have come against premier conference teams in Missouri and Kansas. Logistically, if the Cyclones beat the teams they should, continue to snipe from deep and get a little help from the NCAA Tournament Selection Committee, they could make the tournament for the first time since 2005.

2) No. 7 Kansas (15-3, 5-0 Big 12)

The unwavering "Rock Chalk, Jayhawk" chant which deafens Allen Fieldhouse is slightly ironic for Thomas Robinson because the forward seems to prefer ink. The junior has enough tattoos to make W. Khalifa call his artist, and it is a certainty Robinson will be signing a multi-million dollar NBA contract whenever he decides to leave Lawrence, Kan. Robinson has made practical use of his strength and high motor, currently sitting at second in the entire country in rebounding at 12.3 per game. On a KU squad that is replete with offensive firepower, Robinson stands out, averaging 17.8 points tying him for second best in the Big 12. Baylor learned the hard way KU is a force to be reckoned with. The Jayhawks demoralized the Bears 92-74 Monday at Allen Fieldhouse, a place where the "Rock Chalk, Jayhawk" chants may echo into late March.

4) Kansas State (13-4, 2-3 Big 12)

There is nothing aesthetically pleasing about the Wildcats, but their grinding style of play does not define them. In truth, Kansas State is on the precipice of being mentioned in the same sentence with the three upper echelon teams of the Big 12. The Wildcats even knocked off No. 5 Missouri by 16 points. The glaring issue with Kansas State is their enigmatic nature. They can beat any team in the conference, but they are also vulnerable to being upset by the cellar dwellers. The evidence of the Wildcats being indefinable was tangible after they were defeated 82-73 by Oklahoma. Since taking over in 2007, head coach Frank Martin has led Kansas State as far as the Elite Eight and has never had a team devoid of mentally and physically tough players. This team is no different. Rodney McCruider can score in a variety of ways and leads the team in scoring, averaging 15.7 points. Bramlage Coliseum is one of the toughest places to play in the country and if the Wildcats can control the pace of the game, they could make a run in the Big 12 Tournament. Regardless, they will be dancing — with two left feet.

6) Oklahoma (12-5, 2-3 Big 12)

Although Oklahoma can look befuddled in stretches, they have a steady foundation, which gives them the opportunity to compete in Big 12 play. Kansas State learned that lesson in difficult fashion, when the Sooners upset the Wildcats 82-73 on Jan. 14. For Oklahoma, it begins and ends with not beating themselves. Plain and simple — the Sooners do not turn the ball over. Oklahoma is second in the conference in turnover margin at 1.94. Oklahoma is also second in the conference in total rebounding, averaging 39.5 total rebounds. Aside from a slip-up loss on the road at Oklahoma State, the Sooners haven't fallen to any teams they shouldn't have, making them a dangerous team in the Big 12. Even though Sooner Nation stammers in revisionist history with the Blake Griffin era and what happened on the gridiron in the fall, the current team is focused on the present — and it doesn't look too bad.

7) Texas (12-6, 2-3 Big 12)

This could be the first year in Rick Barnes' tenure as head coach of the Longhorns the only thwack heard in "The Drum" is the cleaning out and slamming of lockers after the Big 12 Tournament. It would be surprising for Barnes in his 14th season having led Texas to 13 consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances, including a Final Four appearance in 2003. But it may very well happen. If there is one truism in college basketball, it is that the Longhorns will always have talent. This team is not an exception. J'Covan Brown leads the Big 12 in scoring and is headache for any team trying to lock him down. One issue with Brown, however, is his tendency to occasionally dominate the ball. Thus far, the junior has attempted 120 more field goals than anyone else for Texas. Defensively, Texas is dependent on Clint Chapman. The big man fortifies a frontcourt that protects the rim with Chapman who is averaging 1.55 blocks. The senior also leads the Longhorns in rebounding, ripping down an average of 5.7. The parts are in place for Texas, it's just a matter of them coalescing and reeling off a few reputable wins in conference play. The Longhorns will get their chance Saturday when they host No. 7 Kansas.

8) Oklahoma State (9-9, 2-3 Big 12)

If Keiton Page wanted to make excuses, he could — justifiably. The senior is not exactly brimming with athleticism or height, measuring in at five foot nine, but that hasn't prevented him from cementing himself in Oklahoma State lore. Page negates his physical disadvantages with his mental toughness, tenaciousness and an instructional video worthy, silky jumper. And it never hurts to have a coach who played a similar style. The Cowboys' head coach Travis Ford scrapped his way to success at Kentucky from 1991 to 1994 leading the Wildcats. There is no doubt the tutelage of Ford has paid dividends for Page. The Pawnee, Okla., native is seventh in the Big 12 in scoring averaging 14.8 points. His vision has also been valuable for Oklahoma State. When Page isn't pulling the trigger, he's finding his teammates and leads the Cowboys in assists. The Cowboys have surrendered a smattering of second chance points and rank last in the Big 12 in rebounding margin. But there is one thing that won't come out of Ford his players' mouths regardless of how the season finishes: excuses.

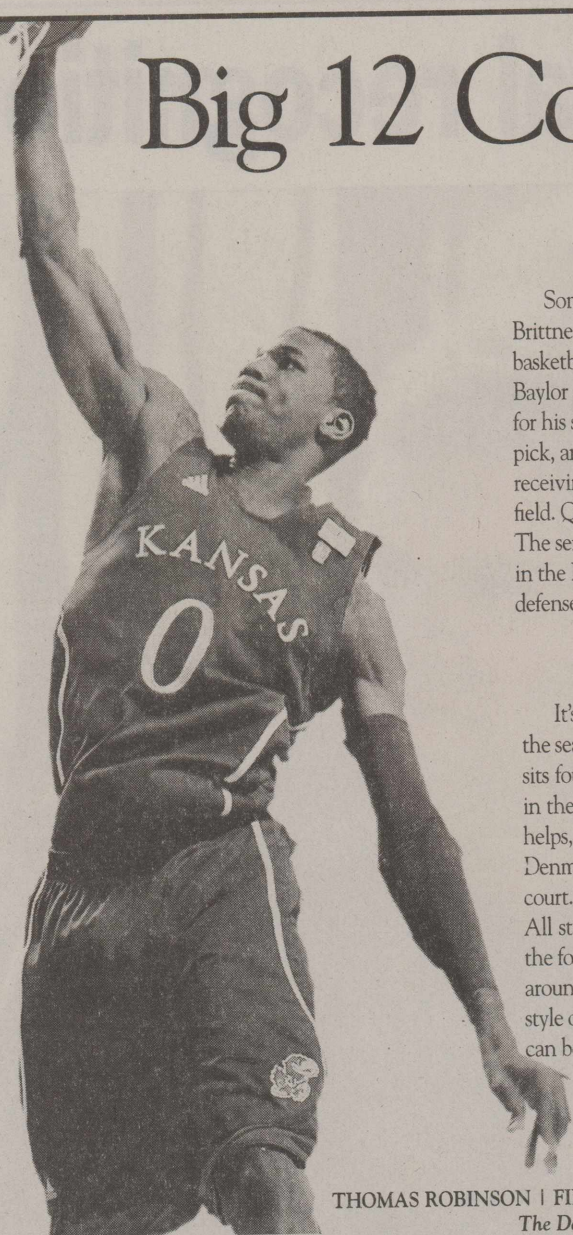
9) Texas A&M (10-7, 1-4 Big 12)

After Mark Turgeon's departure, Texas A&M hired Billy Kennedy away from Murray State. The buzz and excitement surrounding the new head man was short-lived after Kennedy was diagnosed with early-stage Parkinson's disease in late October, missing the Aggies first game of the season. In his debut on the sideline, Kennedy coached the Aggies to an 83-58 thumping of Southern. To this point, it remains the highest scoring game for A&M. In actuality, the Aggies have only sniffed 80 points once since. A&M is leading the Big 12 in scoring defense, giving up a little more than 58 points per game. The Aggies will have to continue to impose their will on opponents if they want dig themselves out of a 1-4 start in conference play. Otherwise, A&M will have to make another adjustment — hosting an NIT game at Reed Arena.

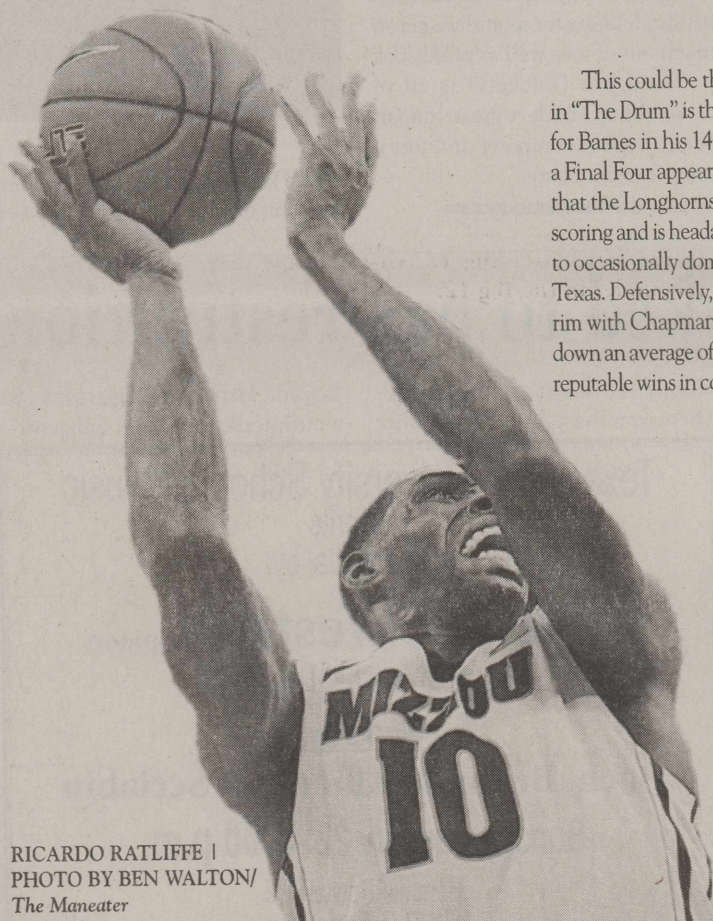
10) Texas Tech (7-10, 0-5 in Big 12)

The results this season haven't been what most would have imagined with Tech ushering in the Billy Gillispie regime, however, the turnaround will require patience. The resurrection of the program is a process — one made much more difficult with Robert Lewandowski being the only senior on the squad. Freshman Jordan Tubert is averaging a team-high 13 points, but it has been his motor that has made him look like a seasoned veteran. Between a wealth of inexperience and the assumed time it takes for a new coach to institute his system, Tech is still looking for their first conference victory. Depending on how quickly the team adjusts to the speed and physicality of Big 12 play, there is no certainty when — or if — it will come.

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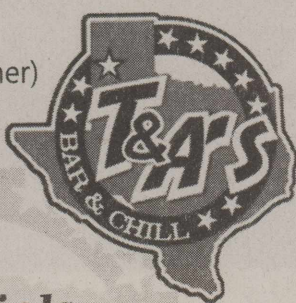
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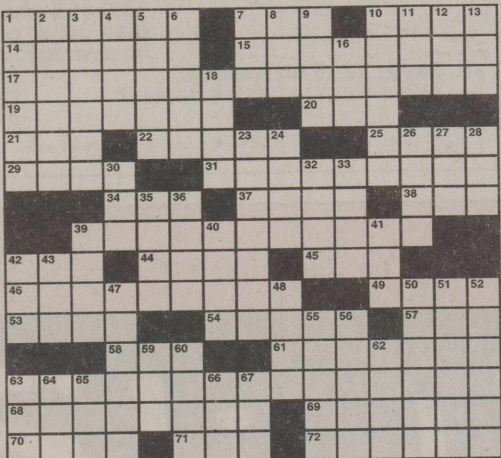
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1) No. 1 Baylor Lady Bears (18-0, 5-0 Big 12)

The No. 1 Baylor Lady Bears are led by their senior star, Brittney Griner, and are the favorites to win the Big 12 Conference title, along with a national title. Baylor is coming off of a strong 2010-2011 season where they lost to the defending national champion Texas A&M in the Elite Eight. The Lady Bears have defeated three top 10 teams in non-conference play, including No. 2 Connecticut, No. 3 Notre Dame and No. 9 Tennessee. Baylor returns AP All-American with the 2010-2011 Big 12 Player of the Year, Griner.

The Lady Bears also bring back the Big 12 Newcomer of the Year, Odyssey Sims. Griner leads the Lady Bears on both sides of the ball, averaging 22.7 points per game, 10.2 rebounds per game and 5.4 blocks per game. Griner is the only collegiate player on the USA Basketball Women's National Team. Sims averages 16.5 points per game and 5.8 assists per game. Baylor is the defending Big 12 champion — its only conference loss last year was at Texas Tech. The Lady Bears currently have a 33-game home winning streak.

2) No. 23 Kansas State Wildcats (13-4, 4-1 Big 12)

Kansas State is off to a strong start in Big 12 play with wins against two nationally ranked opponents. The Wildcats made an NCAA Tournament appearance last season, but were beat by Purdue in the first round. Kansas State finished third in the Big 12 last season. The Wildcats are led by 2010-2011 All-Big 12 First Team selection Brittany Chambers and Second Team selection Jalana Childs. Chambers leads the team in scoring and rebounding, averaging 15.9 points per game and 6.2 rebounds per game. Childs is averaging 15.1 points per game. Kansas State is 2-1 against teams ranked in the Top 25. The Wildcats have losses against No. 17 Purdue, Hofstra, UNLV and Oklahoma.

4) No. 17 Texas Tech Lady Raiders (14-3, 2-3 Big 12)

The No. 17 Texas Tech Lady Raiders got off to a 14-0 start, but they will be trying to get back to their winning ways after losing their last three games. The Lady Raiders reached the NCAA Tournament last season but were eliminated in the first round by St. John's. Tech is 1-2 against nationally ranked teams — a win against No. 22 Penn State and losses to No. 1 Baylor and No. 25 Kansas State. The team's other loss was on the road against Oklahoma. Tech's offensive attack is led by senior center Kierra Mallard. Mallard was a 2010-2011 Second Team All-Big 12 selection and is averaging 13.8 points and 8.9 rebounds per game. 2010-2011 Big 12 All-Defensive Team selection Monique Smalls leads the Lady Raiders with 57 steals. Smalls has contributed on offense with 81 assists and only 21 turnovers. The Lady Raiders are 7-2 at home this season and 7-1 when they are away from United Spirit Arena.

8) Oklahoma State Cowgirls (10-4, 2-3 Big 12)

The Oklahoma State Cowgirls basketball team has had to deal with adversity both on and off of the court after a plane crash killed head women's basketball coach Kurt Budke, assistant Miranda Serna and two others. Coach Jim Littell now leads the Cowgirls as they try to improve from last season where they were knocked out in the second round of the WNIT tournament. After an 8-0 start, the Cowgirls have lost four of their last six games. Two of the team's three losses have come at the hands of nationally ranked teams. Oklahoma State is 0-2 against teams ranked in the Top 25, with losses to No. 1 Baylor and No. 17 Texas Tech. The Cowgirls are led by 2010-2011 All Big 12 Conference Second Team selection Toni Young. The junior is averaging 12.1 points per game and 7.1 rebounds per game. Oklahoma State is 8-1 at Gallagher-Iba Arena and 2-3 away from home this season.

10) Missouri Tigers (10-6, 0-5 Big 12)

The Missouri Tigers have struggled early in Big 12 play, losing several close games in their final season as a conference member before they leave for the SEC. The Tigers finished with a 13-18 record last season and finished in 10th place in the conference. Missouri's struggles have caused for small crowds at Mizzou Arena. The Tigers' average attendance of 1,496 is the smallest in the Big 12. Christine Flores leads the offensive attack for the Tigers averaging 19.1 points per contest, which is second in the Big 12. Flores and BreAnna Brock lead Missouri on defense with a combined average 6.2 blocks per game. The Tigers are 7-3 at home and 3-3 on the road.

3) No. 14 Texas A&M Aggies (12-4, 3-2 Big 12)

The defending national champions are playing their final season in the Big 12 before they leave for the SEC. The Aggies are coming off of the 2010-2011 season, where they went 33-5 and won their first national title in school history. Texas A&M's losses have been to No. 2 Connecticut, No. 18 Purdue, No. 23 Kansas State and unranked Texas. The Aggies have a key win against No. 14 Louisville this season. Big 12 All-Defensive Team member Sydney Carter leads Texas A&M on defense, while the offense is led by 2010-2011 All-Big 12 player Tyra White. White averages 14.5 points per game. Kelsey Bone leads Texas A&M on the glass with 7.3 rebounds per game, while adding 11.8 points per game. The Aggies had their 11-game home winning streak snapped by Texas.

5) Oklahoma Sooners (11-5, 3-2 Big 12)

The Oklahoma Sooners will try to get back to the NCAA Tournament after they were knocked out in the Sweet Sixteen round by national runner-up Notre Dame last season. The Sooners are 2-3 against teams in the Top 25. Oklahoma's losses have come to No. 10 Ohio State, No. 14 Texas A&M, No. 23 Kansas State, No. 25 Vanderbilt and unranked Fresno State. Oklahoma's biggest win of the season was against No. 17 Texas Tech on Jan. 11. Aaryn Ellenberg leads Sooners offensive attack with 18.2 points per game. Ellenberg was named to the Big 12 All-Freshman Team. Junior Joanna McFarland leads Oklahoma in rebounding with 8.1 rebounds per game. McFarland also averages 8.7 points per game, but is now out indefinitely for Oklahoma after undergoing surgery for a broken jaw. The Sooners are 5-1 at home on the season and 6-4 away from the Lloyd Noble Center.

9) Iowa State Cyclones (9-7, 0-5 Big 12)

After being ranked fifth in the Big 12 preseason poll, the Iowa State Cyclones will try to turn their season around, as they currently own the Big 12 Conference's worst record. Iowa State was disappointed after it was knocked out in the first round of the NCAA Tournament last season. The Cyclones are 0-3 against nationally ranked teams this season with their losses against No. 1 Baylor, No. 14 Texas A&M and No. 22 Penn State. Chelsea Poppens leads Iowa State in points scored, rebounds, steals and field goal percentage. The junior is averaging a double double with 13.7 points per game and 11.1 rebounds per game. Poppens was named to the 2010-2011 Big 12 All-Defensive team and is the leading rebounder in the Big 12.

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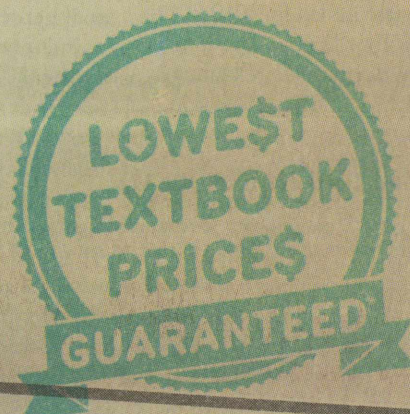
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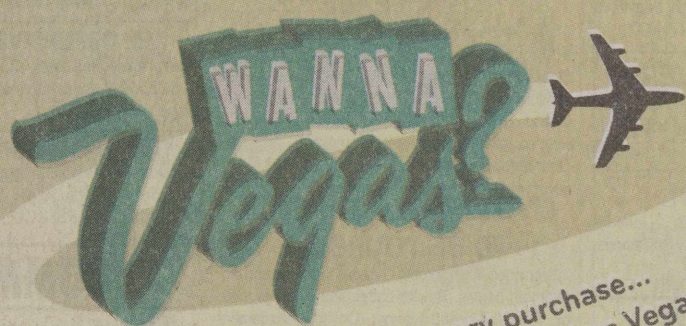


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